

**PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND NETWORK AND  
METHODS THEREFORE**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5           A portable communication device (150, 170, 175, 200) is responsive to an  
uplink change to determine whether the uplink change is practicable (305, 405, 505).  
If the uplink change is determined by the device to be practicable, the uplink change  
will be permitted by the device. If the uplink change is determined by the device to  
not be practicable, alternatives are evaluated (320, 420, 520). A network (102) upon  
10   determining that a portable communication device (150, 170, 175, 200) requires an  
uplink power change, transmits (630) the power change request to the portable device.  
Responsive to the power change request, the network receives from the device a data  
allocation change (640) associated with said power change request. The network  
transmits an updated uplink channel allocation assignment if available.

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